



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Neil S. Cutshall et al.

Application No. : 10/015,861

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For : PHARMACEUTICAL USES AND SYNTHESIS OF
NICOTINANILIDE-N-OXIDES

Examiner : Rita J. Desai

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated September 2, 2004, please extend the period of time for response one month to expire on January 2, 2005. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the required fee (deposit account charge). Please amend the application as shown on the attached pages.